

PRE-PREMIER REGISTRATON SCHEME

The **Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (SOBHD)** operates a registration scheme for dancers from Primary standard through to Intermediate standard, which is the grading which immediately precedes Premier standard. **ScotDance Canada** is the authorized registration agent in Canada. The scheme allows dancers newly started dancing to monitor their own progress by means of a personal achievement card which, is stamped in the following circumstances:

1. In respect of the Beginner category, their card will be stamped at every competition where they win a first, second or third prize in any of the highland dances – Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Sean Truibhas, Reel, or Special or Trophy Fling;
2. In respect of the Novice category, their card will be stamped at every competition where they win a first, second or third place prize.

PRIMARY (GREEN card) – Competitors are not permitted to register until the age of 4 but if they are under seven years of age they may compete as a Primary dancer until their seventh birthday is reached after which the competitor is classified as a Beginner dancer and is not eligible to enter a Primary event. A Primary dancer may elect to compete in a more advanced category at any time before reaching the age of seven but thereafter must continue in this new category and/or advance in accordance with the Pre-Premier registration scheme.

BEGINNER (BLUE card) – This status is held until the competitor either a) gains a first, second or third prize in SIX separate Beginner competitions, or b) until six months following the first beginner stamp which ever a) or b) is the later, after which that competitor is classified as a Novice dancer and is not eligible to enter a Beginner event. A Beginner dancer may elect to compete in a more advanced category at any time but thereafter must continue in this new category and/or advance in accordance with the Pre-Premier registration scheme.

NOVICE (YELLOW card) - This status is held until the competitor either a) gains a first, second or third prize in SIX separate Novice competitions, or b) until six months following the first novice stamp which ever a) or b) is the later, after which that competitor is classified as an Intermediate dancer and is not eligible to enter a Novice event. A Novice dancer may elect to compete in a more advanced category at any time but thereafter must continue in this new category and/or advance in accordance with the Pre-Premier registration scheme.

INTERMEDIATE (PINK card) - This status is held for ONE YEAR from the date of the competitor's first Intermediate competition, after which the competitor becomes a Premier dancer. Intermediate dancers who are seriously injured or seriously ill during their one-year term and are looking for an extension of that term are asked to submit a doctor's certificate for review by the registration Committee on the SOBHD. Each case is reviewed on an individual basis.

PREMIER (WHITE card) – The SOBHD operates an annual Registration scheme for Premier competitors. Premier events enable dancers to compete together and are restricted only by the stated age groupings or to a certain confined area.

Your registration must include the following:

NEW DANCERS ... (first time registering – any category)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attach a photocopy of the dancer’s birth certificate• Picture (3 X4 cm) or (1 ½ X 1 ¼ in.)• Cheque or Money Order \$26.00• Self-addressed stamped envelope
CHANGE OF STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Return completed SOBHD dancer registration card• Return temporary card (if applicable)• Picture (3 X4 cm) or (1 ½ X 1 ¼ in.)• Self-addressed stamped envelope
ANNUAL RENEWAL ... (Pre-Premier & Premier)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Return SOBHD dancer registration card for validation• Cheque or Money Order \$26.00• Picture (3 X4cm) or (1½ X 1¼ in.) Premier dancers only• Self-addressed stamped envelope

ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE for all dancers is set annually by ScotDance Canada at the AGM and is payable each year when the dancer register to dance.

CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE to your provincial ScotDance Association (i.e. ScotDance BC, ScotDance ON) Please allow 2 weeks for processing the application.

LOST CARD – Loss of a registration card should be reported immediately to your Provincial Registrar. In the event a competitor in the **BEGINNER** or **NOVICE** category loses their registration card, a replacement will be provided on payment of a penalty of **\$10.00** and the competitor may continue to compete in the appropriate class for the six months from the date of process of the original application. If six months has lapsed since the competitor was first registered in the category, they must move up to the next category. In the event a competitor in the **PRIMARY, INTERMEDIATE** or **PREMIER** category loses their card, a replacement will be provided on payment of a penalty of **\$10.00**.

TEMPORARY CARDS are issued by competition organizers.

SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPES

NEW DANCERS (first time registering in - any category) must attach a photocopy of the dancer’s birth certificate.

